

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR NRIS IN EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the NRI's in the field of education; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is providing 15% supernumerary seats in All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions/University Departments offering technical courses leading to Diploma, Degree and Post-Graduate Degree in Engineering & Technology, Architecture & Town Planning, Pharmacy, Applied Arts, MBA & MCA, Hotel Management & Catering Technology. These supernumerary seats, over and above the approved intake, are reserved for foreign Nationals / persons of Indian origin/children of workers in Gulf countries. One-third of these 15% supernumerary seats across different disciplines are reserved for the children of Indian workers in the Gulf Countries. University Grants Commission (UGC) has also made similar provisions for creation of 15% supernumerary seats for foreign students, out of which 5% are to be earmarked for the children of Indian workers in the Gulf.

The private medical colleges are allowed to utilize 15% of their overall seats to admit foreigners/PIOs and NRIs, at a fee to be decided by the management of the institution.

Under 'Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)' scheme, 100 scholarships upto US\$ 3600/- per annum are offered to PIO and NRI students for Undergraduate courses in Engineering / Technology, Humanities / Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture / Animal Husbandry etc. The scheme is being implemented by M/s. Educational Consultants India Limited (Ed.CIL), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The scheme is open to NRIs / PIOs from 40 countries with substantial Indian Diaspora population